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1. Communication responding to Notice of Abandonment mailed November 25, 2003.
2. Part 2-Copy Notice of Abandonment mailed November 25, 2003.
3. Copy of complete filing of Missing Parts mailed on November 20, 2001 including: Transmittals, Signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, 2 checks: \$130 surcharge for late oath or declaration, and \$1,160 for filing fee and additional claims, copy of Part 2-Copy Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; and copy of Return Postcard.

Applicant: Johnsen et al.
Serial No.: 09/932,466
Filed: August 17, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2836
Confirmation No.: 3364
Our Ref. No.: 2316.1574US01
Customer No.: 23552

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amounts of \$130 for late oath or declaration surcharge and \$1,160 for basic filing fee and additional claim fees. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

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S/N 09/932,466

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Johnsen et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	09/932,466	Group Art Unit:	2836
Filed:	August 17, 2001	Docket No.:	2316.1574US01
Customer No.:	23552		
Title:	Finger Guard for Power Distribution Panel		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 9, 2003

By:

Name: Patricia L. Larrimore

COMMUNICATION

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the above-referenced application, we received a Notice of Abandonment, mailed on November 25, 2003, for failure to respond to a Notice to File Missing Parts. However, we did file a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts via first class mail on November 20, 2001, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR §1.8.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8(b), Applicants request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and the Response filed on November 20, 2001 be considered timely filed. 37 CFR §1.8(b) requires that the Applicants (1) inform the Patent Office promptly upon becoming aware of that the Patent Office has not received the correspondence; (2) supply a copy of the previously mailed correspondence with the certificate of mailing; and (3) include a statement attesting on a personal knowledge basis to the previous timely mailing.

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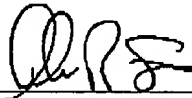
This Communication is being filed within 30 days of receipt of the Notice of Abandonment and after verification by Applicants that the Response was mailed on November 20, 2001, and that the checks accompanying the Response have not been presented for payment.

The undersigned attorney attests that, upon personal knowledge, the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts was filed on November 20, 2001. A copy of the Response is attached hereto.

In the November 2001 Response, checks of \$130 for the Late Oath or Declaration Surcharge, and \$1,160 for the Basic Filing Fee and Additional Claim Fees were included. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 for these amounts in fulfillment of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Applicants submit that the amount that was due at the time the Response was filed is the appropriate amount required to fully respond to the Notice. However, if the Patent Office feels that the current Late Oath or Declaration Surcharge, Basic Filing Fee and Additional Claims fees are appropriate, please charge the Deposit Account the current fees corresponding to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,
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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371(C) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO./TITLE
09/932,466	08/17/2001	Carlos Cabrera	2316.1574US01

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CONFIRMATION NO. 3364
ABANDONMENT/TERMINATION
LETTER



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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 09/20/2001.

- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to the "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Cabrera et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	09/932,466	Group Art Unit:	2836
Filed:	August 17, 2001	Docket:	2316.1574US01
Notice of Allow. Date:	N/A	Batch No.:	N/A
Due Date:	November 20, 2001		
Title:	FINGER GUARD FOR POWER DISTRIBUTION PANEL		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: BOX MISSING PARTS, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 20, 2001.

By: 

Steven C. Brues

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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EXAMPLES OF FEES BEING ADJUSTED
See www.uspto.gov for complete FY 2001
and FY-2002 Fee Schedules

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DESCRIPTION	FY 2001	FY 2002
Basic filing fee - Utility	\$710	\$740
Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	\$355	\$370
Independent claims in excess of three	\$80	\$84
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	\$40	\$42
Claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*
Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*
Multiple dependent claim	\$270	\$280
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	\$135	\$140
Surcharge - Late filing fee	\$130	\$130*
Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity)	\$65	\$65*
Design filing fee	\$320	\$330
Design filing fee (Small Entity)	\$160	\$165
Plant filing fee	\$490	\$510
Plant filing fee (Small Entity)	\$245	\$255
Reissue filing fee	\$710	\$740
Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$355	\$370
Reissue independent claims	\$80	\$84
Reissue independent claims (Small Entity)	\$40	\$42
Reissue claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*
Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*
Provisional application filing fee	\$150	160
Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	\$75	80
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee	\$50	\$50*
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity)	\$25	\$25*
Non-English Specification	\$130	\$130*
Extension - First month	\$110	\$110*
Extension - First month (Small Entity)	\$55	\$55*
Extension - Second month	\$390	\$400
Extension - Second month (Small Entity)	\$195	\$200
Extension - Third month	\$890	\$920
Extension - Third month (Small Entity)	\$445	\$460
Extension - Fourth month	\$1,390	\$1,440
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Extension - Fifth month	\$1,890	\$1,960
Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity)	\$945	\$980
Petition	\$130	\$130*
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Receipt is hereby acknowledged for the following in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

In re Application of: Cabrera et al.

For: FINGER GUARD FOR POWER DISTRIBUTION PANEL

Docket No.: 2316.1574US01

Serial No.: 09/932,466

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